



## TOWN OF JUNO BEACH

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January 23, 2025

Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works  
Attn: David L. Ricks, P.E. County Engineer  
2300 North Jog Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

### **Re: Palm Beach County's Five-Year Program – Donald Ross Road and U.S. 1**

Dear Mr. Ricks,

The Town would like to thank you and your team for attending the December 2024 Town Council meeting and for taking the time to explain in detail the plans the County has for Juno Beach. At the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, Town Council meeting, Town Council directed staff to provide this letter of opposition to Palm Beach County regarding the intersection improvements for Donald Ross Road and U.S. Highway 1 as listed on the Palm Beach County's Five-Year Road Program.

Upon review of the 35% plan, the Town cannot support this project as there are still several unanswered items and are of direct impact to our residents' quality of life. These are listed below:

- **Donald Ross Road Median** – the reduction of the median from 20' to approximately 5'5" is a drastic reduction which will require the removal of mature Medjool Palms and reduce the refuge area used by many walkers in this high pedestrian area.
- **US Highway 1 (east) Landscape Buffer** – by adding a third left turn lane (DRR), the necessity for a third northbound (US 1) lane is eminent, this will be accomplished by removing swale areas adjacent to US Highway 1. No drainage plans have been shared with the town at this time to assure proper water run-off.

The Town of Juno Beach appreciates the collaboration between the County and the Town and we look forward to continue to work together on this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank Davila  
Interim Town Manager